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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON CHILE -- U.S. RECOGNITION

FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE PROVIDED DEPT. SPOKESMAN MONDAY, SEPT. 24 TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS ON USG RECOGNITION OF CHILE:

Q: CAN YOU COMMENT ON THE REPORT OUT OF SANTIAGO THAT THE U.S. HAS RECOGNIZED THE NEW CHILEAN GOVERNMENT?

A: I CAN CONFIRM THAT OUR EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO HAS DELIVERED A NOTE THIS AFTERNOON REPLYING TO THE CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTRY'S CIRCULAR OF SEPTEMBER 13. IN OUR NOTE WE HAVE INDICATED OUR DESIRE TO MAINTAIN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

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Q: DOES THIS ACTION CONSTITUTE DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION?

A: IT SIMPLY INDICATES A CONTINUATION OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE.

(IF PRESSED) I AM NOT GOING TO CHARACTERIZE IT FURTHER. AS YOU KNOW, THE DEPARTMENT HAS DE-EMPHASIZED RECOGNITION IN RECENT YEARS. THE IMPORTANT QUESTION IS WHETHER DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS CONTINUE.

Q: ARE YOU SAYING THE QUESTION OF RECOGNITION DID NOT ARISE IN THIS CASE?

A: I HAVE GIVEN YOU OUR GENERAL APPROACH. WHEN WE CONTINUE RELATIONS WITH A COUNTRY, AS IN THIS CASE, IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF RECOGNITION, AND IT IS NOT OUR PRACTICE TO DO SO.

Q: DOES THE USG'S ACTION IMPLY APPROVAL OF THE NEW REGIME IN CHILE?

A: UNITED STATES ACTION IN CONTINUING RELATIONS WITH A COUNTRY WHOSE GOVERNMENT HAS UNDERGONE CHANGE SIGNIFIES NEITHER APPROVAL NOR DISAPPROVAL OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT. THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT PRACTICE FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, AND WITH SENATE RESOLUTION 205 (1969) STATING:

"THAT IT IS THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT WHEN THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZES A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT AND EXCHANGES DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES WITH IT, THIS DOES NOT IMPLY THAT THE UNITED STATES NECESSARILY APPROVES OF THE FORM, IDEOLOGY OR POLICY OF THAT FOREIGN GOVERNMENT."

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